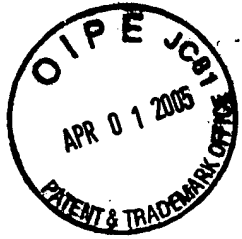


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2633**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF: WAN, Ping et al****SERIAL NO: 09/972,991****ART UNIT: 2633**5 **FILING DATE: 10 October 2001****EXAMINER: PAYNE, David****SUBJECT: CHANNEL IDENTIFICATION IN COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORKS**10 **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20231, U.S.A.**

Dear Sir:

Updated as per Office Communication mailed on 03/16/200515 **RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION**

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on January 26, 2005, in which claims 1-5 and 10-15 have been allowed, claims 8 and 9 have been objected, and claims 6 and 7 have been rejected.

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The Examiner is thanked for the detailed comments and for the thorough examination of this application.

The Applicants request to further amend claims of this application in the following manner:

Claim 6 has been amended.